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SUBJ: SOVIET PRESS ON PRESIDENT'S WATERGATE

ADDRESS

1. BOTH PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA CARRY AUGUST 16 TASS SUMMARY OF PRESIDENT NIXON'S AUGUST 15 ADDRESS ON WATERGATE. REPORT SUMMARIZES PRESIDENT'S DENIAL OF PRIOR KNOWLEDGE ABOUT WATERGATE BREAK-IN AND OF ASSOCIATION WITH THE SUBSEQUENT COVER-UP AND ENDS WITH PRESIDENT'S CALL TO TURN WATERGATE MATTER OVER TO COURTS WHO WILL DECIDE WHO IS AND WHO IS NOT GUILTY. ARTICLE ALSO STRESSES PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT THAT TIME HAS COME TO END EXTRAORDINARY ATTENTION TO WATERGATE WHICH IS DIVERTING CONGRESS AND COUNTRY FROM MORE IMPORTANT AFFAIRS AND QUOTES PRESIDENT CONCERNING ADVERSE EFFECT UNCERTAINTY IS HAVING AT HOME AND ABROAD ON THE ECONOMY, US CURRENCY, AND FOREIGN POLICY.

2. COMMENT: PRESS TREATMENT OF SPEECH INFORMS SOVIET PEOPLE MORE FULLY OF SERIOUSNESS OF WATERGATE THAN HAD BEEN APPARENT IN PREVIOUS CENTRAL PRESS COVERAGE. TONE IS NEUTRAL. IF ANYTHING SYMPATHETIC TO PRESIDENT'S APPEAL

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